

Regional Public Comment Session Announcement Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Four-Year Strategic Planning Process California Board of State and Community Corrections



The California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is developing a comprehensive statewide Four-Year Strategic Plan to determine the state's public safety priorities and guide spending under the federal Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the years 2013 through 2017.

The BSCC is requesting comments from criminal and juvenile justice stakeholders throughout the state including law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, defenders, corrections officials, victims and victim advocates, and concerned citizens regarding public safety concerns and priorities for funding which will ensure a more effective justice system in the state of California.

Public Comment Sessions- Dates and Locations:

All sessions will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., beginning with a brief presentation followed by an opportunity for public comment. The public comment sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Central California: April 17,2013, City of Fresno
 Fresno Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Chambers Room 301, Hall of Records,
 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721
- Southern California: April 18, 2013, City of Irvine
 Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA 92606
- Northern California: April 26, 2013, City of Sacramento Board of State and Community Corrections Conference Room, 660 Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA 95811

*If special accommodations are needed at any of the sessions, please contact Daryle McDaniel at (916) 341-7392 | daryle.mcdaniel@bscc.ca.gov.

Individuals who are unable to attend the public comment sessions are encouraged to submit written comments to the BSCC by COB April 30, 2013. Comments may be mailed to:

Board of State and Community Corrections Attn: Daryle McDaniel, Field Representative 600 Bercut Drive Sacramento, CA 95811

Or faxed to: 916.327.3317, Attn: Daryle McDaniel

Background:

California receives a annual award from the federal government for the purpose of supporting projects that improve criminal justice services in the seven program purpose areas: (1) law enforcement, (2) prosecution, court, defense and indigent defense, (3) prevention and education, (4) corrections and

community corrections, (5) drug treatment and enforcement, (6) crime victim and witness protection, (7) planning, evaluation, and technology improvement. Within these seven areas federal priorities for JAG sending include: funding evidence-based programs, statewide criminal justice planning, recidivism reduction and community corrections, indigent defense, evidence-based "smart policing" programs.

Hearing Agenda:

Unlike public meetings, the public comment sessions will not include a "question and answer" period. Instead, these sessions will be held to specifically gather formal comments about the JAG funding program priorities, as outlined above. Following introductions and an opening statement, comments from those present, concerning the seven program priority areas, will be heard.

Additional questions to be addressed are as follows:

- 1. What are the greatest needs or gaps in California's criminal justice system?
- 2. Are there any areas of the seven purpose areas we have not discussed?

To provide comment during the comment session:

- Prior to the presentation, sign-up at the "Public Comments Station."
- Approach the microphone when your name is called.
- You will have a three-minute time limit to speak and will be given a "15-seconds left" signal.
- You may also provide written comments at the session.

If at any point during the public comment session, all those present who wish to speak have done so, the hearing may be closed prior to 12:00 P.M., following a 30-minute wait-period; therefore, please be prompt if you wish to participate.

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